



**Board Report Date:** 3/10/26

**Title:** Newbery Elementary Playground Upgrade

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**Priority:** This is an “in process” priority. The work is being completed while the playground equipment is being manufactured and created for Newbery Elementary. The equipment takes roughly 8 weeks to complete, and then it will be routed to the school. During that time, we will present the information to the board for action, submit the building permits, and complete the work within 45 days of the permit being issued. The School Board will approve the capital updates to Newbery Elementary, including new playground equipment and the necessary property upgrades.

**Background:** For close to a decade, the Newbery PTA has worked diligently to raise funds for a new playground. The current play structure is in poor condition, and over the years, multiple modifications have been required to ensure the safety of our students. Each year, the Newbery PTA has carefully set aside funds for this important project, honoring our commitment to providing a safe and engaging space for our students and the community.

It is essential that we follow through on this promise to our students, staff, parents, and the wider community who have supported us throughout this endeavor. We are deeply grateful to every Newbery PTA board that has carried this work forward, and we are incredibly thankful for the dedication of the current board and our community partners, whose efforts are making this playground a reality.

**Budgetary Funding:** The cost of the playground equipment totals \$105,000, and the PTA is working with local companies to secure in-kind donations for site planning, site prep, and installation. The School District will be responsible for the playground exterior enclosure and safety playground bark, which will be approximately \$10,000.

**Recommendation:** The School District supports the Newbery Elementary PTA's excellent work in raising funds for a new playground. The School District highly recommends that the School Board approve this project for completion. The Newbery PTA has worked exceptionally hard over the past 10 years to raise the necessary funds to make this project a reality.

Possible motion: “I move that the Board approve the School District and Newbery Elementary PTO's plan to make improvements to the Newbery Playground as presented in this Board Memo.”